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199. (New) The method of claim 186, further comprising differentiating between an endobiotic that is not excreted in bile, an endobiotic that is highly excreted in bile, and an endobiotic that is rapidly and extensively excreted in bile.

200. (New) The method of claim 186, wherein the induced metabolic enzyme activity comprises Phase I, Phase II, transport metabolic enzyme activity, or combinations thereof.

REMARKS

Status Summary

In response to the Amendment B and Notice of Appeal filed May 31, 2002, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter the "Patent Office") entered the Amendment but maintained the rejection of claims 25-38 as presented in the Final Official Action dated December 4, 2001. See Advisory Action dated July 12, 2002.

Claims 25-38 are canceled herein. New claims 67-200 have been added through the filing of the instant CPA. New claims 67 and 134 find support in claim 1 as originally filed; new claims 79 and 146 find support in claim 13 as originally filed; new claims 91 and 158 find support in claim 25 as originally filed; new claims 105 and 172 find support in claim 39 as originally filed; and new claims 119 and 186 find support in claim 52 as originally filed.

Additional support for new claims 67-200 can found throughout the subject application as filed, including but not limited to page 11, lines 14-19 (recitation of xenobiotic and endobiotic); page 22, lines 11-14 and page 24, lines 10-11 (recitation

of a labeled substrate); and page 21, lines 1-10 and page 41, lines 12-24 (recitation of induced metabolic enzyme activities).

CONCLUSIONS

In light of the above Amendments and Remarks it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If any minor issues should remain outstanding after the Examiner has had an opportunity to study the Amendment and Remarks, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that all such matters may be resolved and the application placed in condition for allowance without the necessity for another Action and/or Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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